

1: Ireland in the 18th Century

Another reason frequently advanced for the emergence of the Catholic question around mid-century was the perception that a wealthy Catholic merchant class had grown up and that Catholic money, because of the Penal Laws, was shut out of the Irish economy, the land market in particular.

Economic situation[edit] In the wake of the wars of conquest of the 17th century, completely deforested of timber for export usually for the Royal Navy and for a temporary iron industry in the course of the 17th century, Irish estates turned to the export of salt beef, pork, butter, and hard cheese through the slaughterhouse and port city of Cork , which supplied England, the British navy and the sugar islands of the West Indies. George Berkeley , Bishop of Cloyne wondered "how a foreigner could possibly conceive that half the inhabitants are dying of hunger in a country so abundant in foodstuffs? In the s, due to increased competition from salted-meat exporters in the Baltic and North America, the Anglo-Irish landowners rapidly switched to growing grain for export, while their impoverished tenants ate potatoes and groats. These illegal formations called themselves names like the Whiteboys , the Rightboys, the Hearts of Oak and the Hearts of Steel. Issues that motivated them included high rents, evictions, enclosure of common lands and payment of tithes to the state church, the Anglican Church of Ireland. Methods used by the secret societies included the killing or maiming of livestock, tearing down of enclosure fences and occasionally violence against landlords, bailiffs and the militia. Rural discontent was exacerbated by the rapidly growing population – a trend that would continue until the Great Famine of the s. Flag of the Kingdom of Ireland – The majority of the people of Ireland were Catholic peasants; they were very poor and largely impotent politically during the eighteenth century, as many of their leaders converted to Protestantism to avoid severe economic and political penalties. Nevertheless, there was a growing Catholic cultural awakening underway. The Presbyterians in Ulster in the north lived in better economic conditions, but had virtually no political power. Power was held by a small group of Anglo-Irish families, who followed the Anglican Church of Ireland. They owned the great bulk of the farmland, where the work was done by the Catholic peasants. Many of these families lived in England and were absentee landlords, whose loyalty was basically to England. Many of the Anglo-Irish who lived in Ireland became increasingly identified as Irish nationalists , and were resentful of the English control of their island. Their spokesmen, such as Jonathan Swift and Edmund Burke , sought more local control. A declaration in stated that Ireland was dependent on Britain and that the British Parliament had power to make laws binding Ireland. The king set policy through his appointment of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland or viceroy. In practice, the viceroys lived in England and the affairs in the island were largely controlled by an elite group of Irish Protestants known as "undertakers. A series of reform proposals culminated in a dramatic change in , with the appointment of an English politician who became a very strong viceroy. George Townshend served from 1772 and, unlike his predecessors, was in full-time residence in Dublin Castle. Townsend had the strong support of both the king and the cabinet in London, so that all major decisions were basically made in London. He dismantled the undertaker system and centralized patronage and power. His "Castle party" took charge of the Irish House of Commons. In response, "patriot" opposition emerged to challenge the increasingly centralized, oligarchical government. The king and his cabinet in London could not risk another revolution on the American model, so they made a series of concessions to the Patriot faction in Dublin. Mostly Protestant "Volunteer" units of armed men were set up to protect against the possibility of an invasion from France. As happened in America, in Ireland the king no longer had a legal monopoly of violence. The Irish Rebellion of 1798 was instigated by those impatient with the slow pace of reform, with French support. Britain suppressed the separatists, and legislated a complete union with Ireland in 1801, including the abolition of the Irish Parliament. Catholics had been barred from holding office in the early 17th century, barred from sitting in Parliament by mid-century and finally disenfranchised in 1793. The defeat of the Catholic landed classes in this war meant that those who had fought for James II had their lands confiscated until a pardon of 1701. The outcome of the war also meant that Catholics were excluded from political power. One reason for this was the conversion of Catholic gentry to Protestantism to keep their lands. Another reason was the Penal laws stipulation that Catholic owned

land could not be passed on intact to a single heir. This made many Catholic landholdings unproductive and caused them to fall out of Catholic hands over several generations. This period of defeat and apparent hopelessness for Irish Catholics was referred to in Irish language poetry as the long briseadh " or "shipwreck". Protestant pamphlets emphasized the positive aspects of the Glorious Revolution; liberty from absolutism , the preservation of property and a degree of electoral power. Presbyterians , who were concentrated in the northern province of Ulster and mostly descended from Scottish settlers, also suffered from the Penal Laws. They could sit in Parliament but not hold office. Both Catholics and Presbyterians were also barred from certain professions such as law, the judiciary and the army and had restrictions on inheriting land. Catholics could not bear arms or exercise their religion publicly. In the early part of the 18th century, these Penal Laws were augmented and quite strictly enforced, as the Protestant elite were unsure of their position and threatened by the continued existence of Irish Catholic regiments in the French army committed to a restoration of the Jacobite dynasty. From time to time, these fears were exacerbated by the activities of Catholic bandits known as rapparees and by peasant secret societies such as the Whiteboys. In addition, some Catholic gentry families got around the Penal Laws by making nominal conversions to Protestantism or by getting one family member to "convert" to hold land for the rest of his family, or to take a large mortgage on it. From Catholics favoured reform of the existing state in Ireland. Their politics were represented by the " Catholic Committees " " a moderate organisation of Catholic gentry and Clergy in each county which advocated repeal of the Penal Laws and emphasised their loyalty. Reforms on land ownership then started in and " The Patriots, led by Henry Grattan agitated for a more favourable trading relationship with England, in particular abolition of the Navigation Acts that enforced tariffs on Irish goods in English markets, but allowed no tariffs for English goods in Ireland. Instrumental in achieving reform was the Irish Volunteers movement, founded in Belfast in Partly as a result of the trade laws being liberalised, Ireland went through an economic boom in the s. Corn laws were introduced in to give a bounty on flour shipped to Dublin; this promoted the spread of mills and tillage. Cornwallis in Ireland Further reforms for Catholics continued to , when they could again vote, sit on grand juries and buy freehold land. However they could neither enter parliament nor become senior state officials. Reform stalled because of the French war , but, as the French republicans were opposed to the Catholic Church, in the government assisted in building St. Some in Ireland were attracted to the more militant example of the French Revolution of In , a small group of Protestant radicals formed the Society of the United Irishmen in Belfast , initially to campaign for the end to religious discrimination and the widening of the right to vote. However, the group soon radicalised its aims and sought to overthrow British rule and found a non-sectarian republic. In the words of Theobald Wolfe Tone , its goals were to "substitute the common name of Irishman for Protestant, Catholic and Dissenter" and to "break the connection with England, the never failing source of all our political evils". The United Irishmen spread quickly throughout the country. Republicanism was particularly attractive to the Ulster Presbyterian community, being literate, who were also discriminated against for their religion, and who had strong links with Scots-Irish American emigrants who had fought against Britain in the American Revolution. Many Catholics, particularly the emergent Catholic middle class, were also attracted to the movement, and it claimed over , members by The United Irishmen were banned after Revolutionary France in declared war on Britain and they developed from a political movement into a military organisation preparing for armed rebellion. The Volunteer movement was also suppressed. However, these measures did nothing to calm the situation in Ireland and these reforms were bitterly opposed by the "ultra-loyalist" Protestant hardliners such as John Foster. Violence and disorder became widespread. Hardening loyalist attitudes led to the foundation of the Orange Order , a hardline Protestant grouping, in The United Irishmen , now dedicated to armed revolution, forged links with the militant Catholic peasant society, the Defenders , who had been raiding farmhouses since These efforts bore fruit when the French launched an expeditionary force of 15, troops which arrived off Bantry Bay in December , but failed to land due to a combination of indecisiveness, poor seamanship, and storms off the Bantry coast. Battle of Vinegar Hill 21 June -"Charge of the 5th Dragoon Guards on the insurgents " a recreant yeoman having deserted to them in uniform is being cut down" " William Sadler " Thereafter, the government began a campaign of repression targeted against the United Irishmen,

including executions, routine use of torture, transportation to penal colonies and house burnings. As the repression began to bite, the United Irishmen decided to go ahead with an insurrection without French help. Their activity culminated in the Irish Rebellion of 1798. When the central core of the plan, an uprising in Dublin, failed, the rebellion then spread in an apparently random fashion firstly around Dublin, then briefly in Kildare, Meath, Carlow and Wicklow. County Wexford in the southeast then saw the most sustained fighting of the rebellion, to be briefly joined by rebels who took to the field in Antrim and Down in the north. The rebellion lasted just three months before it was suppressed, but claimed an estimated 30,000 lives. Being the largest outburst of violence in modern Ireland, looms heavily in collective memory and was commemorated extensively in its centennial and bicentennial anniversaries. The Republican ideal of a non-sectarian society was greatly damaged by sectarian atrocities committed by both sides during the rebellion. The British response was swift and harsh: Largely in response to the rebellion, Irish self-government was abolished altogether from 1 January by the provisions of the Acts of Union 1800. The Catholic Bishops, who had condemned the rebellion, supported the Union as a step on the road to further Catholic Emancipation. Culture[edit] Jonathan Swift

Some historians argue that there were two cultures existing side by side in 18th century Ireland, which had little contact with each other. In this period, there continued to be a vibrant Irish language literature, exemplified by the Aisling genre of Irish poetry. These were dream poems, typically featuring a woman representing Ireland who pleaded with the young men of Ireland to save her from slavery and oppression. Many Irish language poets clung to a romantic attachment to the Jacobite cause, although some wrote in praise of the United Irishmen in the 1790s. Other, non-political poetry could be quite sexually explicit, for example the poem *Cuirt an Mean Oiche* the Midnight Court. Legacy[edit] This period in Irish history has been called "the long peace" [22] and indeed for nearly one hundred years, there was little political violence in Ireland, in stark contrast to the previous two hundred years. Nevertheless, the period "the long peace" began and ended in violence. By its close, the dominance of the Protestant Ascendancy that had ruled the country for years was beginning to be challenged by an increasingly assertive Catholic population, and was ended by the Acts of Union that created the United Kingdom from 1 January 1801. The violence of the 1790s had shattered the hopes of many radicals that the old sectarian divisions in Irish society could be forgotten. Presbyterians in particular largely abandoned their alliance with Catholics and radicals in the 19th century. Many Protestants saw their continued pre-eminence in Irish society, and their hopes for the Irish economy, as being guaranteed only by the Union with Britain and became unionists.

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Any act of allegiance to the latter was considered treasonous because the papacy claimed both spiritual and political power over its followers. It was under this act that Thomas More and John Fisher were executed and became martyrs to the Catholic faith. She executed many Protestants by burning. Her actions were reversed by a new Act of Supremacy passed in under her successor, Elizabeth I , along with an Act of Uniformity which made worship in Church of England compulsory. Anyone who took office in the English church or government was required to take the Oath of Supremacy ; penalties for violating it included hanging and quartering. Attendance at Anglican services became obligatoryâ€”those who refused to attend Anglican services, whether Roman Catholics or Protestants Puritans , were fined and physically punished as recusants. In , the Convocation of the Church of England ordered that copies of the Book of Martyrs should be kept for public inspection in all cathedrals and in the houses of church dignitaries. The book was also displayed in many Anglican parish churches alongside the Holy Bible. The passionate intensity of its style and its vivid and picturesque dialogues made the book very popular among Puritan and Low Church families, Anglican and Protestant nonconformist , down to the nineteenth century. In a period of extreme partisanship on all sides of the religious debate, the exaggeratedly partisan church history of the earlier portion of the book, with its grotesque stories of popes and monks, contributed to fuel anti-Catholic prejudices in England, as did the story of the sufferings of several hundred Reformers both Anglican and Protestant who had been burnt at the stake under Mary and Bishop Bonner. Anti-Catholicism among many of the English was grounded in the fear that the pope sought to reimpose not just religio-spiritual authority over England but also secular power over the country; this was seemingly confirmed by various actions by the Vatican. Priests like Edmund Campion who suffered there are considered martyrs by the Catholic Church, and a number of them were canonized by the Catholic Church as the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales , though at the time they were considered traitors to England. In recent decades, a Catholic convent has been established near the site of the Tyburn gallows to honor those executed there for their faith. The beliefs that underlie the sort of strong anti-Catholicism once seen in the United Kingdom were summarized by William Blackstone in his Commentaries on the Laws of England: As to papists , what has been said of the Protestant dissenters would hold equally strong for a general toleration of them; provided their separation was founded only upon difference of opinion in religion, and their principles did not also extend to a subversion of the civil government. If once they could be brought to renounce the supremacy of the pope, they might quietly enjoy their seven sacraments, their purgatory, and auricular confession; their worship of relics and images; nay even their transubstantiation. But while they acknowledge a foreign power, superior to the sovereignty of the kingdom, they cannot complain if the laws of that kingdom will not treat them upon the footing of good subjects.. Accordingly, a large body of British laws such as the Popery Act , collectively known as the Penal Laws , imposed various civil disabilities and legal penalties on recusant Catholics. Under this Act, an oath was imposed, which besides being a declaration of loyalty to the reigning sovereign, contained an abjuration of Charles Edward Stuart , the Pretender to the British throne, and of certain doctrines attributed to Roman Catholics doctrines such as those stating that excommunicated princes may lawfully be murdered, that no faith should be kept with heretics , and that the Pope has temporal as well as spiritual jurisdiction in the realm. Those taking this oath were exempted from some of the provisions of the Popery Act. The section as to taking and prosecuting priests were repealed, as also the penalty of perpetual imprisonment for keeping a school. Catholics were also enabled to inherit and purchase land, nor was a Protestant heir any longer empowered to enter and enjoy the estate of his Catholic kinsman. However, the passing of this act was the occasion of the anti-Catholic Gordon Riots in which the violence of the mob was especially directed against Lord Mansfield who had balked at various prosecutions under the statutes now repealed. The Catholics had long been passive but now there was a clear threat of insurrection that troubled Prime Minister Wellington and his aide Robert Peel. The passage of Catholic

emancipation in 1793, which allowed Catholics to sit in Parliament, opened the way for a large Irish Catholic contingent. Lord Shaftesbury, a prominent philanthropist, was a pre-millennial evangelical Anglican who believed in the imminent second coming of Christ, and became a leader in anti-Catholicism. He strongly opposed the Oxford movement in the Church of England, fearful of its high church Catholic features. In 1793, he denounced the Maynooth Grant which funded the Catholic seminary in Ireland that would train many priests. Ecumenical dialogue between Anglicans and Catholics culminated in the first meeting of an Archbishop of Canterbury with a Pope since the Reformation when Archbishop Geoffrey Fisher visited Rome in 1962. Residual anti-Catholicism in England is represented by the burning of an effigy of the Catholic conspirator Guy Fawkes at local celebrations on Guy Fawkes Night every 5 November. Ireland under British control[edit] See also: This persecution intensified when the Gaelic clan system was completely destroyed by the governments of Elizabeth I and her successor, James I. Land was appropriated either by the conversion of native Anglo-Irish aristocrats or by forcible seizure. Many Catholics were dispossessed and their lands given to Anglican and Protestant settlers from Britain. However it should be noted that the first plantation in Ireland was a Catholic plantation under Queen Mary I; for more see Plantations of Ireland. The Penal Laws, established first in the 1690s, assured Church of Ireland control of political, economic and religious life. The Mass, ordination, and the presence in Ireland of Catholic Bishops were all banned, although some did carry on secretly. Catholic schools were also banned, as were all voting franchises. Violent persecution also resulted, leading to the torture and execution of many Catholics, both clergy and laity. Although some of the Penal Laws restricting Catholic access to landed property were repealed between 1782 and 1793, this did not end anti-Catholic agitation and violence. Catholic competition with Protestants in County Armagh for leases intensified, driving up prices and provoking resentment of Anglicans and Protestants alike. Then in 1795, the Roman Catholic Relief Act enfranchised forty shilling freeholders in the counties, thus increasing the political value of Catholic tenants to landlords. In addition, Catholics began to enter the linen weaving trade, thus depressing Protestant wage rates. Hundreds of Catholic homes and at least one Church were burnt out in the aftermath of the skirmish. Although more of the Penal Laws were repealed, and Catholic Emancipation in 1801 ensured political representation at Westminster, significant anti-Catholic hostility remained especially in Belfast where the Catholic population was in the minority. In the same year, the Presbyterians reaffirmed at the Synod of Ulster that the Pope was the anti-Christ, and joined the Orange Order in large numbers when the latter organisation opened its doors to all non-Catholics in 1795. As the Orange order grew, violence against Catholics became a regular feature of Belfast life.

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The majority of the people of Ireland were Catholic peasants; they were very poor and largely impotent politically during the eighteenth century, as many of their leaders converted to Protestantism to avoid severe economic and political penalties.

Within a few generations, the Catholic Irish were reduced to abject poverty, were illiterate or nearly so and unskilled. By then, the Irish had become a nation of tenant farmers. One visitor from France noted that nowhere in Europe had he seen such poverty as he saw in Ireland. Eye witness accounts of the life of the average Irish tenant farmer confirm that his life was one of desperation and deprivation. Nearly half of the rural population lived in small windowless mud cabins. Furniture consisted of a bed and some chairs--and only a very few had such luxuries. It was normal for farm animals, pigs and chickens, to sleep in the cabin with the people. However, the good news was that the huts were always warm in the winter thanks to the readily available peat. Greedy landowners increased their rental income by dividing and sub-dividing their land again and again until most families were attempting to live on less than an acre of land and paying rents double that being charged in England for a much larger plot. Since potatoes were such an efficient crop, by the late eighteenth century it was practically the only crop grown by the tenant farmers. Many never in their lifetimes had ever tasted meat or bread. Their every meal consisted of potatoes, and sometimes buttermilk. As you might expect, the Irish did not take all this cruel and inhuman treatment placidly. The outcome of the Penal Laws was that evasion of the law became the duty of every Irish Catholic. These were gangs of men wearing white shirts over their clothes who rode the countryside at night tearing down fences, ham-stringing cattle, and burning barns. When these people were caught, the group dispensed a people justice in a terrible form of revenge. They also rode up to manor houses destroying property and shooting through the windows. As a result, many landlords lived in permanently barricaded houses guarded by teams of sentries. By the end of nineteenth century the Irish had organized enough to develop a war strategy which would become the Insurrection of 1848. The plan was to have revolts break out simultaneously all over Ireland at the same time that a large force of French soldiers landed in Ireland. Unfortunately, the ships carrying the French army ran into a severe storm as they were in sight of land and most of the ships sank. Nevertheless, the Irish revolted on cue and in spite of the fact that they were armed with only pikes and clubs they did remarkably well against the Loyalist soldiers armed with muskets and canon. The crucial battle was fought at a place called Vinegar Hill in County Wexford. Here the Irish rebels made a determined stand that ended in disaster when the Loyalist troops opened fire with a battery of canon. One observer commented that the rebels "fell like new mown grass. The opening stanza goes like this. We are the Boys of Wexford, Who fought with heart and hand. To burst in twain the galling chain, And free our native land. In the mopping up operations there and in other parts of Ireland, thousands were butchered while on their knees begging for mercy. In those final days of war, more than 50,000 were killed

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Conditions in Early Eighteenth-Century Ireland. By political, economic and religious struggles both within Ireland and between English and Irish interest had reduced Ireland--which in had been passed to King John to hold as a sister-kingdom to England--to a virtual colony of the latter.

Moreover an act of prevents Catholics from buying land. And existing estates have to be divided between all the sons of a Catholic family, thus gradually reducing them to smallholdings. Meanwhile penal laws severely restrict Catholic liberties in other fields. Increasingly the Protestant Ascendancy means the ascendancy of English Protestants. The best posts, in church or government, are given to newcomers from the other side of the Irish Sea. Irish commerce suffers harmful tariffs and restrictions. Scotland, now in political union with England, enjoys free trade; by contrast the Irish market is controlled from Westminster which forbids, for example, the export of Irish wool. The Irish find much to sympathize with in the complaints of the American colonies. Irish demands become vociferous in the years after the American Revolution. By many of the British troops normally maintained in Ireland are overseas in America. In that year France enters the war against Britain. It is clear that Ireland is dangerously exposed both to internal unrest and to invasion. The Protestants enlist enthusiastically as volunteers. Soon they outnumber the regular British forces in the island. This accidental circumstance gives unprecedented weight to the political demands coming from Dublin on topics such as free trade and the power of the Irish parliament , which in normal times receive scant attention in Westminster. Between and much legislation is passed to reduce Irish grievances. Most of the restraints on Irish trade are removed. Irish judges are given the same tenure of office as their English colleagues. And some of the restrictions on Roman Catholics are eased particularly in relation to the ownership of land. In Pitt attempts to carry this process further, but his bill to merge Ireland in a full commercial union with Britain and the colonies does not pass. He fails to find a compromise to satisfy the objections of British traders and the demands of the Irish. And Irish demands are anyway about to escalate, as a result of the French Revolution. United and disunited Irishmen: By , when Britain is again at war with France , Pitt is eager to have the support of the predominantly Catholic population of Ireland. He passes in the Catholic Relief Act. It is a cause which happens also to have his strong personal support. In Pitt goes further, founding the seminary of Maynooth to educate Catholic priests the college at Douai having been closed by the anti-clerical policies of the French Revolution. But by this time the political situation in Ireland has become much more radical. A section of the United Irishmen has been transformed by Wolfe Tone into a secret society aiming for a free Ireland. In December of that year Tone sails home in the company of 14, French soldiers commanded by Lazare Hoche. But a storm disperses the fleet off southwest Ireland and no troops are landed. Tone is still abroad, in , when his revolutionary colleagues in Ireland succeed in launching an armed rebellion which gives the British government considerable trouble. British troops are defeated in several engagements in the Wexford region. Captured and taken to Dublin, he makes a stirring speech at his trial about the need for an Irish war of liberation. Two days later he cuts his throat to cheat the British gallows. Ireland has the first of her many revolutionary heroes. The events of convince Pitt that the Irish problem requires precisely the opposite solution from the one advocated by Wolfe Tone. Instead of a separate and independent Ireland, he sees the answer in full-scale union between Ireland and Britain.

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Short History of Ireland in the 18th Century. The Penal Laws accomplished their expected results. Within a few generations, the Catholic Irish were reduced to abject poverty, were illiterate (or nearly so) and unskilled.

Catholics were naturally good, wholesome, and above reproach the first scientific enquiry into the numbers and types of Catholics emerge from her writings not as an amorphous mass of down-trodden victims but as a group of socially-mobile individuals who struggled not only against civil disabilities but also among themselves. The Penal Laws, Act of Uniformity of made attendance of state church on Sundays compulsory for all. In , about German Palatine families were brought into Limerick and Kerry. When the latter objects that if the papists are driven out there will be none to hew wood and draw water, the former promises to bring in thirty thousand Protestant families in three months after. The Banishment Act of 9 Will. All popish archbishops, bishops, vicars general, deans, Jesuits, monks, friars and all other regular popish clergy and all Papists exercising ecclesiastical jurisdiction, shall depart out of this kingdom before 1st May King James too was distressed by the charge on his purse of having so many resorting to him at Versailles. Many had left Ireland after the Boyne. Dalton and Dempsey gave themselves up. Sleyne was arrested, but King William intervened. Arrested again, he petitioned Queen Anne, but died in prison before a result. Donnellan was arrested and liberated by a crowd of Catholics. Piers left Waterford in and served as assistant to a French bishop. Donnelly was arrested and released for want of evidence, but later ordained Edward Byrne of Dublin. Comerford remained unmolested in Thurles, sheltered by the Matthew family. Its operation was limited to 14 years, but it was made perpetual in His purpose was to warn what a force they would make in an army invading England: They are seasoned to dangers, and so perfected in teh art of war, that not only the sergeants and corporals, but even the private men, can make very good officers, upon occasion. France and England were at war from to the Peace of Utrecht in In the event, only 33 are known to have done so. This completed the legislation directed against the Catholic clergy. A fleet commanded by the Duke of Ormond set out to invade Scotland in A savage law make priests brandable on the cheek was passed in that year, but defeated in the House of Lords. Although the Irish Parliament passed the various Popery Acts, it had no power to enforce those laws, or any other laws. The executive in Dublin Castle directly controlled the Irish Civil Service and was at no time in the 18th c. On the whole the early 18th c. Archbishop King, an enthusiastic supporter of the enforcement of the laws, had to confess in Wall lists the installations, About the old dispute Primacy broke out between Dublin and Armagh about, bishop Byrne ignoring his summons to Armagh; the Pope supported MacMahon in this case; MacMahon applied himself for many years to writing his famous book, Jus Primatiale Armacanum, setting out in detail the arguemtns for the primatial dignity and jurisdiction of Armagh; died in Drogheda, at 77 years of age. In striking contrast to his remarks on Ulster in general [vide supra], he wrote: When I myself visited the place, under the guise of a Dublin merchant, for under the disguise of a trader or tradesman the prelates and non-registered priests of this country generally find it necessary to conceal themselves, the minister of that district received me very kindly. Though everywhere else throughout the kingdom the ecclesiastical functions have ceased, on account of the prevailing persecution; in this island, as if it was placed in another orb, the exercise of religion is free and public, which is ascribed to a special favour of Divine providence, and to the merits of St. The controversy continued and Nary collected the tracts and had them republished in The exchange lasted two years. But the habit of generations could not easily be broken, and sermons on the rights of property and threats of excommunication fell on deaf ears. The people had become accustomed [59]to defying the law themselves and seeint the law being disregarded by the civil authorities. They had become condition to being members of a nationwide secret society, and they expected the bishops to remember the days when they too had belonged to that secret society. The refusal of the people in general to recognise the law, and their willingness to take direct ction in defence of their priests and bishops and their places of worship, were important factors in preserving the Catholic faith in Ireland. Thomas Davis did them less than justice when he wrote: The English government had no control over the appointment of their clergy. The catholics of the Towns and the Quarterage Dispute in the eighteenth century pp.

Nevertheless, since the non-freemen outnumbered the freemen considerably, their contributions became increasingly important in defraying guild expenses [65] In spite of these by-laws catholic merchants had begun quite early in the eighteenth century to control much of the trade of the country. The mayor lost a judgement against him in Dublin, stiffening resistance to quarterage in other cities. The non-freeman presented a long petition against it on 20 Feb. The heads passed through the lower house, however. Nicholas, Lord Taaffe, a catholic nobleman who had attained eminence in the service of the Holy Roman emperor, and whose exalted position gave him access to the court circles in London, where he frequently pleaded the cause of his catholic fellow-countrymen, went to London that year to make personal application on behalf of the catholics [with the special object of] opposing quarterage legislation. More likely it is indicative of the government policy of the day. Dublin Mercury, 23 Jan. The Catholic Committee, which had almost certainly organised the previous petitions, paid Owen Hogan, a Dublin notary, to appear as counsel against the latest bill, which was nevertheless passed and sent to the lord lieutenant [Townshend] but not transmitted to England [69] The Public Journal presented 22 reasons why the heads of a quarterage bill should not be passed. Written with heavy irony, it should quarterage and the guilds to be products of conditions that no longer existed, and that the money obtained was squandered on banquets. The assumption is that the aggregate of Catholic quarterage, though individually lower, would make up the bulk of guild funds. The remnants of the guilds were rapidly vanishing in most countries in the atmosphere of a more liberal age. Still by the end of the eighteenth century, the guild system had broken down in most cities and towns with the exception of Dublin. Wyse, Historical sketch of the late Catholic Association of Ireland, i. Maureen Wall, Catholic Ireland in the 18th c. The Rise of a catholic middle class in eighteenth-century Ireland pp. Young complains to the same effect. Tour of Ireland, ed. A Hutton, London, ii Petty quotes as further instances of the rule jews and Christians among the Turks, jews and non-paasist merchant-strangers in Venice, Naples, Leghorn, Genoa, and Lisbon. Archbishop King, in Sir CS King, p. See Tone, i, Among other documents in this collection is a manuscript catalogue of the extensive library at Mount Bellew [in the eighteenth century]. On Edward Byrne, merchant. Keogh claimed to have 2, tenants on his estates in ; see his speech printed in Report of the debate at a general meeting of the Roman Catholics of the city of Dublin held at the Music Hall, Fishamble St. Roscommon [see Edward Lysaght, Irish Families]. William Drennan, in Catholics in Economic Life pp. Theirs was the argument from history - a defence of the ancient Irish race and Irish Catholics against Protestant polemicists and historians of earlier times and their own day. Much of the argument in The Case of the Roman Catholics of Ireland, probably his most important pamphlet, stresses the economic advantages of relaxation of property laws. At the same time he was convinced that Catholics should demonstrate their loyalty by swearing a test oath. He concluded this pamphlet: Time gave at last the security which force gave at first. The prosperity of both parties are now in a different situation; and difference of situation will undoubtedly more or less beget a difference of principles, and dispose consequently to a difference of conduct. With regard to the administration, I believe you will allow that none can be more indulgent than the present; and if those who sit in parliament permit the operation of laws, which themselves would not pass, I think motives could be assigned for such a circumstance, distinct from those prejudices which still have a great share in it. Many will choose to let those evils remain, rather than expose themselves to the odium of unpopular motion And let all this [93] account for the continuation of party, not national laws, such as anger finds much easier to establish than moderation to repeal. Will it offend the monarch on the throne to find his Popish subjects at this time joining in a testimony to the equity of his administration, the lenity of his government? Later generations were to sneer at the efforts made by Catholics to prove their loyalty but viewed in the light of previous history and of the situation in the 18th c. In Curry had published A brief account from the most authentic Protestant writers of the causes, motives and mischiefs of the Irish rebellion on the 23rd October Curry was to enlarge the scope of this research in two other works on the same theme - Historical memoirs of the Irish rebellion and An historical and critical review of the civil wars in Ireland Be so good as to use this influence for their benefit. Since other methods fail, try what you can do. The bill was opposed by Archb. Stone, the Protestant Primate. Policy towards Catholics during the Viceroyalty of the Duke of Bedford pp. It is generally thought that the penal laws, enacted against Irish Catholics at the end of the 17th and the beginning of the 18th centuries were

primarily aimed at maintaining the absolute ascendancy of the members of the established Church and at securing the land settlement. They were, however, modelled on laws already enacted in England, and legislators in both countries justified them on the grounds that those who did not belong to the state Church could not be loyal subjects, and were therefore not entitled to the rights of subjects the active assistance given by the pope and by Catholic Continental powers during the Irish wars of the 16th and 17th centuries did not serve to strengthen their case. Dublin Gazette, 15 Dec ; the address and a reply are published in Plowden, An historical review of the state of Ireland, I, The address was well received, Bedford supplying a graceful answer commending the Catholics on their timely obeisance, and various other grandees of the Undertaker class publically associated with the liberal Catholics. But behind the scenes, Bedford comparative liberalism was being snubbed by Pitt. Reprints oath of abjuration , and discusses the difficulties that it presented to Catholics, even if they acknowledged the temporal supremacy of the Hanoverian dynasty. Give us leave to affirm that our resolution of an inviolable duty and allegiance to your majesty, proceeds not only from our inclinations and the sincerity of our hearts; but also from a firm belief of its being a religious duty, which no power on earth can dispense with. Copies of the formulary were sent - probably by Dr. Thomas Burke, bishop of Ossory - to the papal nuncio Monsignor Ghilini at Brussels, who threated public censures. He said this doctrine had been propounded and defended by the Apostolic See. Fitzsimons replied asking why the Irish Catholics could not subscribe to the formula which was in use in France, and got no satisfaction. Many feared that the publication of the letter would destroy all hope of a relief act. Curry accused Burke of leaguuing with the most hardened eneies of hte Catholics to prevent a relaxation of the penal laws. The original on which it was founded was drawn up by the Catholic Committee and found to be orthodox by Dr.

6: The Penal Times: The Catholic Church in 18th-Century Ireland - Visit Belfast

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Bring fact-checked results to the top of your browser search. Social, economic, and cultural life in the 17th and 18th centuries Although the late 16th century was marked by the destruction of Gaelic civilization in the upper levels of society, it was preserved among the ordinary people of the northwest, west, and southwest, who continued to speak Irish and who maintained a way of life remote from that of the new landlord class. The 17th-century confiscations made Ireland a land of great estates and, except for Dublin, of small towns decaying under the impact of British restrictions on trade. Except on the Ulster plantations, the tenantry was relatively poor in comparison with that of England and employed inferior agricultural methods. Over large parts of the east and south, tillage farming had given way to pasturage. In the north of Ireland, a similar tendency created a decline in the demand for labour and led in the early 18th century to the migration of substantial numbers of Ulster Scots to North America. In Ulster there gradually emerged a tenantry who compelled their landlords to maintain them in their farms against the claims and bids of Roman Catholic competitors now once again legally entitled to hold land. This purpose immensely strengthened the Orange Order popularly called the Orangemen, founded in in defense of the Protestant Ascendancy. Increasingly the Orange Order linked the Protestant gentry and farmers while excluding Catholics from breaking into this privileged ring. Tillage farming was maintained in Ulster more extensively than in the south and west, where there developed on the poorer lands a system of subdivision necessitated by population increase. Apart from folklore and literary sources, little is known of the lives of the ordinary people, and even of the gentry the evidence, apart from estate records, is rarely extensive. Little need be said of the culture of the Anglo-Irish in the same period, as it followed so closely the traditions of Britain and, very occasionally, those of the rest of Europe. During the 18th century, the new landowning class gradually developed some appreciation of the visual arts. But the really original achievement of the period was in literature, particularly in drama, where the rhetorical gifts of the people secured an audience. In this period there was a strong connection between rhetoric and the arts, as between oratory, themes of social decay, and the consoling power of language and form. The union of the churches of England and Ireland as the established denominations of their respective countries was also effected, and the preeminent position in Ireland of Protestant Episcopalians was further secured by the continuation of the British Test Act, which virtually excluded Nonconformists both Roman Catholic and Protestant from Parliament and from membership in municipal corporations. Not until 1793 did the repeal of the Test Act and the concession of Catholic emancipation provide political equality for most purposes. It was also provided that there should be free trade between the two countries and that Irish merchandise would be admitted to British colonies on the same terms as British merchandise. Within half a century, agricultural produce dropped in value and estate rentals declined, while the rural population increased substantially. When the potato, the staple food of rural Ireland, rotted in the ground as a result of the onset of blight in the mid-1840s, roughly a million people died of starvation and fever in the Great Potato Famine that ensued, and even more fled abroad. Moreover, emigration continued after the famine ended in 1847. Population changes in Ireland from 1845 to 1855 as a result of the Great Potato Famine. Irish emigrants fleeing Ireland because of potato famine. Political discontent The Act of Union was motivated not by any concern for the better governance of Ireland but by imperatives of strategic security designed to embed Ireland in a unitary British state. The Westminster parliament could never be expected to give as much energy and attention to Irish affairs as a parliament in Dublin. The Irish bishops and other potential Catholic supporters of the union were thus disillusioned with the new regime from the outset, and the prospects for political cooperation between Protestant and Catholic conservatives diminished. Bitter sectarian antagonisms resurrected by the slaughter of both Protestants and Catholics in the rebellion and its no-less-bloody aftermath reinforced the likelihood that the political divide would mirror the religious. That likelihood became a certainty in 1800 when the formation of the Catholic Association transmuted the demand for emancipation into a mass political movement that

commanded attention throughout Europe. The reaction among alarmed Protestants and their apprehension that emancipation might open the door for the Catholic majority ultimately to achieve ascendancy led to an alliance between the Presbyterians and their old oppressors, the Protestant Episcopalians. Middle-class Catholics and Protestants drifted apart, the latter increasingly clinging to the union and the former more slowly but at last decisively coming to seek its repeal. A climax was reached in October when troops and artillery were called out to suppress the mass meeting arranged at Clontarf, outside Dublin. Its failure, and the deportation or escape from Ireland of most of the Young Ireland leaders, destroyed the repeal movement. For about 20 years after the Great Potato Famine, political agitation was subdued, and emigration continued to reduce the population every year. The landowners also suffered severely from an inability to collect rents, and there was a wholesale transfer of estates to new owners. Evictions were widespread, and cottages were demolished at once by the landlords to prevent other impoverished tenants from occupying them. The flow of emigrants to the United States was encouraged by invitations from Irish people already there, and in England the new industrial cities and shipping centres attracted large settlements of poor migrants from Ireland.

7: Ireland in the Early Eighteenth Century

During the 18th century the population of Ireland rapidly increased from less than 2 million in to nearly 5 million in Trade with Britain boomed and the Bank of Ireland opened in However at the end of the 18th century the ideas of the American Revolution and the French Revolution reached Ireland.

This Act excluded Presbyterians as well as Catholics. As a result many Presbyterians left Ireland for North America during the 18th century. Another Act of stated that Catholics could not buy land. They could not leave their land to a single heir, and they could not inherit land from Protestants. Both Catholics and Dissenters Protestants who did not belong to the Church of Ireland had to pay tithes to the Church of Ireland, which caused resentment. An Act of reaffirmed the British parliaments right to legislate for Ireland. The Irish parliament was made definitely subordinate. There was a great deal of dire poverty in Ireland during the 18th century, at its worst during the famine of This disaster killed hundreds of thousands of people. In the s the grievances of Irish peasants boiled over into violence. In the s they were followed in the north by the oak boys and the steel boys. From the laws restricting the rights of Catholics were gradually repealed. From that year Catholics were allowed to lease land for years. From they were allowed to buy land. In Poynings Law was repealed after nearly years. The law of , which gave the British parliament the right to legislate for the Irish, was also repealed. In Catholics were allowed to practice as lawyers and to marry Protestants. From Catholics were allowed to vote but were not allowed to sit as MPs. A Linen Board was formed in Dublin in However the linen industry soon became concentrated in the north and another Linen Board opened in Belfast in From the late 18th century Britain began to industrialize. In Ireland industrialization was limited to the north. The south of Ireland remained agricultural, exporting huge quantities of meat and butter to Britain. During the 18th century the population of Ireland rapidly increased from less than 2 million in to nearly 5 million in Trade with Britain boomed and the Bank of Ireland opened in However at the end of the 18th century the ideas of the American Revolution and the French Revolution reached Ireland. The society wanted Ireland to become an independent republic with religious toleration for all. In Britain went to war with France. The United Irishmen were regarded as a dangerous organisation and were suppressed. Wolf Tone fled abroad and tried to persuade the French to invade Ireland. In they sent a fleet but it was prevented from landing by a storm. Then in May risings took place in Wexford, Wicklow and Mayo. However the rebellion was defeated at Vinegar Hill near Enniscorthy on 21 June. French soldiers landed at Killala in August but they were forced to surrender in September. The French sent another fleet but their ships were intercepted by the British navy and most of them were captured. On board one was Wolf Tone. In November he committed suicide in prison.

8: Anti-Catholicism in the United Kingdom - Wikipedia

Thomas Bartlett () *"The Catholic Question in the Eighteenth Century"* *History Ireland* Vol. 1, Issue 1. (online) Ruth Whelan & Carol Baxter (eds) *Toleration and Religious Identity: The Edict of Nantes and its Implications in France, Britain and Ireland* Four Courts Press, Dublin.

Conditions in Early Eighteenth-Century Ireland By political, economic and religious struggles both within Ireland and between English and Irish interest had reduced Ireland--which in had been passed to King John to hold as a sister-kingdom to England--to a virtual colony of the latter. In Swift broke nearly 20 years of silence to develop rapidly into the strongest voice of protest against this trend, which had all but reached its perfection. His "fierce indignation" at the deplorable state of the nation led him to condemn both the arrogance and greed of the English and religious fanaticism, short-sighted self-interest and political despondency which prevented the Irish from presenting a united front against disastrous exploitation: He once remarked, "We have just religion enough to make us hate, but not enough to make us love one another. In any case we shall have to limit ourselves here to sketching only a few facts in order hopefully to at least suggest the tangle of frustrations which nearly strangled that country. Some twelve years before, the Protestants had found--at what great cost we shall see--legal means to deprive Catholics of any right to serve in Parliament or administration. The hierarchy of the Roman Church was banished, along with all priests who would not swear that they no longer recognized the claims of the Catholic Stuarts to the two thrones. Catholics were excluded from practicing law and forbidden to purchase land or even to hold a valuable lease. In there were denied the right to vote. However, the suppression of Catholics was practically the only issue capable of pulling together the Protestant Dissenters, most of whom had come from Scotland a century earlier to make Ulster a center of zealous Presbyterianism, and the Church of Ireland, the Irish arm of the English Establishment Church. Economic and doctrinal motives, along with a Tory English administration, enabled the establishmentarians in to exclude dissenters from civil and military position, though not from Parliament. Indeed this act is of special interest for the light it throws on the priorities of the dissenters themselves: It was not repealed until Finally the dissenters as well as the Catholics were required by law to furnish financial support to the "episcopal curate" see n. So far then, it might seem that the country belonged to the so-called "Anglo-Irish," people of English descent who lived in Ireland and for the most part supported the Established Church--Swift himself was an example. But this group found itself continually at odds with the government administration in Dublin, the posts of which were largely filled with English appointees of whatever political party happened to be in power, hence in debt to certain supporters, whom it repaid with offices in which irresponsibility and incompetence would not be politically costly but which offered opportunities for accepting comfortable bribes. But snobbery and corruption were not the most forceful goads to Irish resentment of the English presence and policy. If a bill were returned, the Irish Parliament was empowered only to accept it with whatever changes the Privy Council had worked on it or to reject it in full. Nor is this all. Many of them--including the young Swift, who was then on the verge of taking his MA at Trinity College--crossed over to England in Instead they pressed for revenge against the Catholics, whose revolutionary Parliament had in provided for a sweeping redistribution of land. English permission for legislation to disable the Catholics was dearly bought, however: And it even allowed the English Parliament to impose that oath denying the doctrine of transubstantiation as a prerequisite for membership in the Irish Parliament. Fear of the Catholics made virtual political suicide worth the price to the Anglo-Irish, just as it would about a decade later we may recall to the Presbyterians. Meanwhile we must keep in mind, as the Anglo-Irish certainly did, that it was England after all who pronounced and ruthlessly pursued the principle that "It is in the interests of Because Irish prosperity meant competition for English farms and businesses. At first Irish ships could export Irish goods to America. The many Irish who had depended for their livelihood on raising and exporting livestock to England were ruined when the latter outlawed the importation of cattle, sheep, pigs, and related processed items. Nor could they turn to other foreign markets, since the export duties on shipments to non-English ports were prohibitive. This, of course, was classic mercantilism: Not only were their stewards corrupt in their treatment of tenants, but the

landlords continued to put most of their states into grazing even after the crushing of the Irish wool industry, and Ireland continued to starve untenanted peasants and to import grain from England. We might ask why Ireland did nothing to protect at least her domestic market for her own industry by levying protective tariffs, as Swift had urged in his boycott proposal of 1729. The answer is very simple. In 1729 the Archbishop of Dublin had written to a friend that "[t]he misery of the people here is very great, the beggars innumerable and increasing every day. One half of the people in Ireland eat neither bread nor flesh for one half of the year, nor wear Shoes or Stockings; your Hogs in England and Essex Calves lie and live better than they. And yet Swift surely had a point when he remarked, in his Proposal that the Ladies Should Appear Constantly in Irish Manufactures, that "the three seasons wherein our corn hath miscarried, did no more contribute to our present misery, than one spoonful of water thrown upon a rat already drowned would contribute to his death.

9: Religious census records for 18th and 19th century Ireland. Census substitutes

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In lieu of an abstract, here is a brief excerpt of the content: The Catholic Historical Review Karen Harvey offers an unpretentious piece of work--simply a family history. As a study of the Catholic gentry, it claims to be no more than illustrative. The Bellews are not presented as paradigmatic. Yet, at once, the chapter headings reveal an attention to more ambitious historiography. The text fulfils the expectation. Throughout, there is a sound knowledge of the secondary literature displayed--and not only that dealing with the prominent analytical themes. One is grateful for the care taken, for example, to explain those features of continental military organization that aided or inhibited the careers of Irish soldiers. In brief, we have not merely the Bellews, but the Bellews and their [End Page] world--and that depicted in a way relevant to general understandings of the Irish past. In view of this, one would not hesitate to commend this book for providing an agreeable way of entering eighteenth-century Catholic Ireland. Indeed, it might be thought that entering through the Catholic gentry estates of County Galway would allow the visitor some particularly interesting perspectives. There are some in this book; but they are less extensive than might be expected--a consequence, no doubt, of the restrictive nature of family history. A whiggish preoccupation with Catholic links to late eighteenth-century dissent from the established order needs to be redressed. Thus one is grateful for a chapter which focuses on the role of the gentry in the Catholic agitation. Regrettably, if justifiably in view of the subject matter of the book, this is not much more than a partial narrative, which fails to show the political and ideological strength of the aristocratic party. Again, the question of the relationship between reality and perception of Catholic afflictions might best be approached through a study of the gentry. It was they, after all, who, together with the clergy, bore the weight of the penal code and they assumed a leadership role in dismantling it. The question is of increasing importance, as twentieth-century historians eagerly remove the burdens of eighteenth-century Catholics. Harvey does give it attention; but her sources, quite properly restricted by their relevance to the Bellews, give far more opportunity to comment on reality than perception--and in the long term, it was perception that was more important. Harvey is not to be faulted. She set out to write a family history and has done so very competently. In the end, she leads one to regret that her ambitions were so circumscribed.

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